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followed by Senator Brashear and others.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Mr. President, I'd yield my time to Senator Brashear.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brashear.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President, thank you, Senator Erdman, members of the body. What I...where I was going in making the statements I made, which I stand behind, about Senator Beutler's ability and dedication to this cause, is, I'm just going to continue to cast this in the frame of reference, I am not persuaded that we here in Nebraska are on some purification mission that we will achieve in advance of every other state, that will survive the test of the courts with regard to free speech. It may take us some time to sort out the law and to test this in court, which nobody has ever done because it has been controlled, up until now, by the lack of money, and therefore the number of offices to which it apply...the few number of offices to which it apply. I agree with fair fights, but I do not think that money and using public funds and limiting and controlling people's expenditures is the only way to have fair fights. I think that's proven in multiple other political jurisdictions. And I'm sorry, I just don't think we're so bright and so quick and so unique that we're leading some critical...we're doing some critical-edge thinking here that is so vital and so important to maintaining the fairness and balance in representative democracy. I think our attention...if we're that bright and that capable, our attention would be better directed to other efforts, like educating people that they have a right to limit anybody's terms by going to the ballot box and knowing what they're doing, by paying attention to what really occurs in public discourse, and understanding the issues. And then you won't be approached, as some of us are in August, and say, how are things going in Lincoln; or people won't talk about what a tremendous retirement we get, and do we get tired of traveling back and forth to Washington. Tell me it hasn't happened to you. And then of course we can engage in my favorite exercise, talk radio, where we just talk loud and angry and in your face tones, whether we know what we're talking about or not, and there isn't a sufficient opportunity for anybody to